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Welensky Assails 'One-Party' Rule

By RONALD LANG

One of the largest contingents of working press to attend a Wednesday Luncheon at the OPC last week heard Sir Roy Welensky describe the present situation in Africa as "one of the greatest confidence tricks in history."

Welensky, Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, lashed out at the "rash of dictators in one-party states" in Africa today.

"These dictators have been so successful in their propaganda that not only is their existence condoned, but many even believe the one-party system to be some new form of democracy, trimmed to African needs and admirably suited to its people."

"To me a dictatorship is a dictatorship, whatever the color of the dictator may be."

Welensky, continuing along the lines of many previous speeches, pressed for moderation in granting independence to African states.

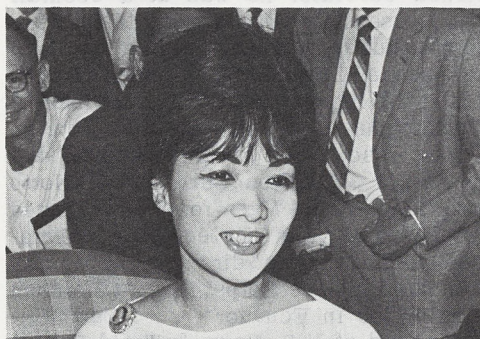
"I have learned that if colonialism goes before its time, it leaves the people far worse off than before . . . I want to see colonialism go, but go in an order-

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Some 90% of the members who have sent in their dues payments have paid the full amount, in response to the recent appeal from Treasurer Matthew Huttner.

The appeal was made in support of the Club's new development program. The solid response to the request is unprecedented in Club history, according to Huttner.

The treasurer urged those who have not yet responded to follow suit and join the parade of annual dues-payers so that the OPC can achieve its goal of operating in the black for the first time in our new World Press Center.



THE TWO FACES OF MRS. NHU: OPC'ers will have a chance to form their own opinions on Wed.

Waldorf OPC Luncheon Wednesday Features Controversial Mrs. Nhu

VIET NAM COVERAGE SPARKS NEW DEBATES

The crisis in South Viet Nam continued this week, with increasing attention being paid to the question of whether Americans were getting adequate information from their news media.

Criticism was directed against reporters in Saigon and against U.S. officials there and in Washington. Much of it came from Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu, who spoke frequently and caustically during a tour of Europe prior to her scheduled appearance at an OPC Working Press Luncheon on Oct. 9.

An article by Joseph Alsop that raises questions about reporting in Saigon appears on Page 8 of this issue of the *Bulletin*. It was originally published by the *N.Y. Herald Tribune* and other newspapers just a few days before a Congressional subcommittee accused the Kennedy Administration of having tried to hide the truth in Viet Nam.

According to a UPI dispatch from Washington, the House Government Information Subcommittee assailed what it called a "restrictive U.S. press policy" that was rescinded last spring. In a year-long investigation, the subcommittee found that U.S. officials had been instructed not to take American corre-

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Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu, the controversial sister-in-law of President Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam, will appear at an OPC Working Press Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 9, two days after she is scheduled to arrive in the U.S.

The luncheon is now set for 12:30 p.m. in the Waldorf-Astoria's Grand Ballroom.

Word that a firm date had been set was received in a cable from Paris early this week, barely giving the Club sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements. The cable followed more than a month of negotiations in which

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Lucey Attributes Arrest To Over-Zealous Police

By Charles Lucey

(Lucey, *Edit. of the Trenton, N.J. Times* gives this account of his recent arrest, with two other newsmen, in Venezuela.)

Caracas — A funny thing happened to me on my way from the forum — the forum of the Venezuelan National Congress in the heart of Caracas.

With Walker Stone, Editor-in-Chief of the *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*, and *James Whelan*, Venezuelan manager for United Press International, I had just finished palaver with Gustavo Machado,

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NOT THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



Sun., Oct. 6 — Afternoon Concert.
Guest artist: pianist **Daniel Pollack**.
First program of the new season series. Cocktails, 4:00 p.m. Concert, 4:40 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 8 — Metropolitan Opera Reception, with Dame Alicia Markova, world renowned ballerina, and Rudolph Bing, General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera. Time: 6:00 — 8:00 p.m., 10th floor lounge.

Wed., Oct. 9 — Press Luncheon:
Guest, Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu. Time: 12:30 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom. \$6.50 members, \$8.50 non-members. Reservations necessary through OPC. (See Page 1.)

Thurs., Oct. 10 — Book Night:
"JFK — The Man and the Myth," by **Victor Lasky**. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. (See Page 5)

Tues., Oct. 15 — N.Y. State Harvest-Vintage Regional Dinner with food, champagne and wines from NY State. Member & one guest. Charge \$5. Champagne reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations

Mon., Oct. 21 — "Bulletin Bash,"
starring popular comedian **Vaughn Meader** in a series of satirical skits called "The Hot Line." Annual Bulletin Awards also will be presented. Charge: \$3.50. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Performance, 9:00 p.m. Reservations, please.

OPC 'MET' RECEPTION TO FETE MARKOVA, BING

In another gala Salute to the Met, the OPC Music Committee has arranged a cocktail reception honoring Rudolph Bing, General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera, and Dame Alicia Markova, the internationally celebrated ballerina. The Met opens its season Oct. 14.

The reception, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, is being arranged by Music Committee chairman **Jack Frummer** and vice chairman **John Gutman**.

Dame Alicia is world-famous for her title role in the ballet "Giselle". Just named Director of the Metropolitan Opera Ballet, she will make her Met debut as choreographer in the new production of "Manon". This season will mark the fourteenth year of Rudolph Bing's brilliant stewardship at the Opera House.

The executive staff of the Met, including Maestro Thomas Schippers, and Katharyn Horne, Edith Jerrell and Carole Kroon, the prima ballerinas, as well as several of the glittering Met singing stars will be guests.

Early reservations are requested.

Overseas Ticker



MEXICO CITY..from JAIME PLENN

Newshounds, newshens, and lens lizards flocking into these parts for the shooting of Tennessee Williams' opus, "The Night of the Iguana," starring Richard Burton. As an extra added attraction, Elizabeth Taylor came along for the ride with Burton, and also brought her six-year-old daughter, Liza Todd. A big press conference fell slightly flat when Burton failed to show, and it turned out later he was at a cocktail party elsewhere with Liz and the latter's former hubby, Michael Wilding. Loads of raspberries in the Mexican press for RB.

.... Mexican Foreign Minister Manuel Tello, guest speaker at the Foreign Press Association monthly banquet last week **Milton Carr**, former North American Zone Mgr. for UPI, visited briefly in Mexico City en route to Caracas to take over directorship of the Venezuela Peace Corps. He just finished similar job in Ecuador **Carl Migdail**, head of U.S. News & World Report Latin American bureau here, was due in Dominican Republic about the time a military coup ousted President **Juan Bosch** **Paul Good**, ABC News, off to New York on business A new book by your correspondent and his better half, Virginia, came off the presses here and was published Sept. 19, entitled "A Guide to Modern Mexican Murals," a handy pocket size book with maps listing and describing mural paintings all over Mexico so tourists can find them easily and get an idea what they're about Visiting firemen: **Hans Martin Anvin**, "BT" Copenhagen; **William P. Mangold**, The New Yorker Magazine, with host **Ted Whitfield** of World Public Relations; **D'Lynn Waldron**, shahof Harper and Bros. and **Scripps-Howard**; **Charles C. Jordan**, Sacramento, Calif.; **R. Mattison**, Newsweek, Los Angeles; **Eleanor Matesin**, Corpus Christi (Tex.) Caller-Times; **Robert Ampudia**, "Vision" magazine.

ATHENS.....from ALFRED WAGG

Recent highlight in Athens was a cocktail party given by **Fritz Oppen**, R.F.E., for "visiting fireman" **Gene P. Mater**, R.F.E. News Director from Munich. The Oppers' apartment, with the largest and most attractive terrace in Athens, was practically an OPC meeting place honoring Mater's visit Attending were OPC regulars **John Rigos**, Christian Science Monitor; **Phil Dopoulos**, A.P., and your correspondent. Other press included **Jenny Bartlett**, Diplomatist and Athens News; **Peter Mellas**, Fox Movietone News and News-

week; **Ursula Diepgen**, Deutsche Presse Agentur. Public Relations bigwigs attending the party were **Vincent Joyce**, U.S.I.S.; **John Hare**, B.I.S.; and **George Cavounides**, Director of Press in the Greek Prime Minister's office.

MADRID.....from BARRY BISHOP

Madrid's International Press Club renewed 1963 activities with a fall reunion of directors in September. Principal work at the first session included plans for the winter season and heaping praise on first President **Harold K. Milks**, AP Bureau Chief. Milks was described as a "real newspaperman, faithful to his calling, an indefatigable traveler and a writer who can meet any situation with ease." Furthermore, he was described as a "friend of Spain."

Spain had a good showing of U.S. journalists during the summer, most working, some vacationing. **Richard Harkness** (NBC) was the latest through on vacation with his wife **Robert Benjamin** (formerly Time and Vision in Mexico City, now in public relations there and South America) came by with his wife on business and pleasure **Drew Pearson** did some writing and broadcasting from here last month **George Haddaway**, Flight Magazine, Dallas, was here as were **Albert Moldway** of National Geographic Magazine, **Bob Considine**; **Robert Estabrook**, Washington Post; **Frederick Painton**, U.S. News & World Report and a flock of others.

BELGRADE..from JOSEPH PETERS

Although the Interparliamentary Conference held here last month was of no world-shaking importance, 135 newsmen covered it — 61 from the foreign press and radio and television.

Aside from us regulars in Belgrade — **Dave Binder** of the N.Y. Times and your correspondent (for McGraw-Hill and NBC News) — some reinforcements drifted in: **Richard Growald** and photog **Fritz Maier** (UPI Frankfurt), **Roscoe Drummond** (Herald Trib), **Paul Martin** (Gannett Newspapers), **Norman Moss** (Radio Press International), **Edwin Gordon** (VOA, Munich) and **Dave Brown** (USIA, Washington). **Eldon Griffiths** (Newsweek, London), **Edwin Pancoast** (Yugoslav Desk Officer), **Robert Benedict** (Deputy Assistant for Europe), and **William Kane** — the last three of USIA — were on hand. Also Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Wischer**.

Editor This Week: **Dave Bressen**
Bulletin Committee Chairman:
Paul Grimes
Managing Editor: **Sibby Christensen**

Friday "Whing-Ding" Brings 50¢ Drinks

Every Friday night from now on, the House Operations Committee has announced, a special "Whing-Ding", featuring all drinks at 50 cents each, will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the members bar on the ground floor of the OPC.

After that, drinks will go back to their regular prices, which are always cheaper than almost any other first-class bar in town. Free hors d'oeuvres will be served on Friday night, as they are every evening of the week at the members bar.

The House Committee felt that many members are now back in town for fall, and it would be a good time to develop a pleasant new Friday evening habit.

The House Committee also has announced that prices of several sandwiches including the popular tuna salad have been reduced to 95 cents while the Saturday menu in the grill will feature frankfurters and beans for 95 cents as well as a new goulash which will be inexpensively priced. Steak sandwiches are still \$2.85 for prime strips.

Those desiring more elegant dining can use the main second floor dining room, featuring a full luncheon menu, including chef's specials. Each evening on weekdays the main dining room features a complete table d'hôte dinner with prime ribs or steak, lobster and fish for \$3.95, including courses from shrimp cocktail to dessert and coffee. Special efforts to give rapid service will be made for theater-goers.

DINNER TO SPOTLIGHT EMPIRE STATE HARVEST

The bounteous harvest of the Empire State, both liquid and solid, will be featured at the First Annual N.Y. State Harvest-Vintage Regional Dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The main dinner will be preceded by a N.Y. State Champagne Reception in the 10th floor Lounge (6:30). All you can drink, with the finest up-State Cheddar and crackers to cleanse the palate between sippin's.

In the Main Dining Room, choicest table products of the State will round out a full-course dinner, each course with appropriate Finger Lakes vintages. The Schenectady Hill-Billies will supply music for square dancing, along with professional square dancers of their own. — All this for \$5 and another fin for one guest. Early reservations are suggested.

Laos to be Red Invasion Route, Thai Foreign Minister Predicts

By RONALD LANG

"The most likely invasion route in the next move on Southeast Asia will be none other than the route through Laos," predicted Thailand Foreign Minister Thanant Khoman at the OPC Working Press Luncheon last week.

"We think we can do something to hold against the tide of new imperialism," added Khoman, but it will require a cooperation of all nations in Southeast Asia to hold back the hordes "from the North and Northeast."

Khoman, one of the founders of the embryo Organization of Southeast Asia, is still optimistic that such cooperation will be forthcoming, despite the present animosities in the area.

"These nations must band together, not only for themselves, but for the good of all their people," he went on. "SEATO has shown it is unable to perform the functions it was expected to perform."

The Foreign Minister, who holds several other important posts in the Thai government, accused China of "aggressive action to secure the control not only of human beings but to gain the resources which are abundant in that

part of the world."

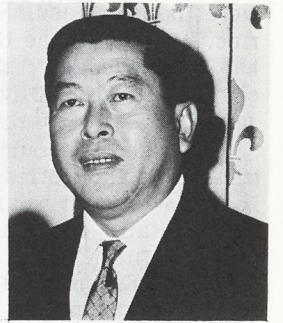
He said the Pathet Lao forces "are so subservient to their masters that the interests of Laos are only remote in their minds."

However, for the moment, Khoman said that the "menace

from North Viet Nam is more acute than the menace from the North." A cut in U.S. aid to Viet Nam "will certainly affect Thailand. The North Vietnamese would be most happy about it."

Joe Newman, Chairman of the OPC Program Committee, introduced the Foreign Minister while Open House Chairman Jim Sheldon handled the question-and-answer period.

The program was taped by WABC, WNYC, and the Voice of America. Among the working press on hand were Betty Adams of ABC, Jim Caravello of USIA, Richard Johnston of the Times, and many others.



Khoman

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spondents on military operations that were likely to result in undesirable stories. It said that the U.S. Administration had acknowledged that news stories that criticize the Ngo Dinh Diem government could not be "forbidden," but that:

"Newsmen should be advised that trifling or thoughtless criticism of the Diem government would make it difficult to maintain cooperation between the U.S. and Diem."

The subcommittee said that "questionable sections" of the directive were rescinded only after Congressional hearings had begun. It added:

"In recent weeks the American public has been surprised by developments in Viet Nam — developments which have been many months in the making but which the American people are just now discovering."

The subcommittee, headed by Rep.

John E. Moss, Democrat of California, identified the directive as a classified document issued jointly by the State and Defense Depts. and the U.S. Information Agency. The State Dept. insisted, however, that the major fault of the document was "sloppy drafting" and that it was not intended to curtail the flow of information about U.S. activities in Viet Nam.

Questions also were raised about Robert Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense, who accompanied Secretary Robert S. McNamara and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor to Viet Nam on a military survey.

In a press conference in Saigon on Sept. 26, Sylvester spoke with optimism about the war against Vietcong — optimism that contrasted sharply with many Vietnamese and American assessments, even those of President Kennedy. This prodded *The Herald Tribune* to ask editorially:

"Is this a relapse into Mr. Sylvester's

former practice of using news as part of his arsenal of weaponry? Or is it that Washington, from the President downward, simply goofed?

"We're inclined to the latter version," Mr. Sylvester spoke after Gen. Taylor had a first-hand look at the situation. And Gen. Taylor should know what he's talking about."

But reporters in Saigon noted that the next day, Sylvester backed down noticeably. They reported that he was often difficult to pin down and that frequently he fended off questions with the reply that the requested information was "classified."

Mrs. Nhu, meanwhile, was voluble in her frequent encounters with the U.S. press in Belgrade, Athens and Rome. In Belgrade she charged that "six persons" in Saigon, including a *N.Y. Times* correspondent, were plotting against the Kennedy Administration and the Diem Government. She described *The Times* as a bugbear — "my bête noire." She said that evidence of the paper's involvement in a plot included its refusal to print a correction of a passage in a published letter from her that had apparently been garbled in a cable transmission.

When told that *The Times* had printed on Sept. 7 a second letter from her that corrected the passage, she said: "Then that is one less evidence."

She criticized the reporting of *The Times*, *The Washington Post*, The AP and UPI. She said reporters had consciously overestimated the numbers involved in anti-Government demonstrations and had underestimated the number of the regime's supporters.

"When the crowds are favorable they divide the number and when they are against they multiply the number," she said.

"The press is unfair to me," she added. "It only picks up a few words reflecting my anger and uses it in an anti-Catholic campaign. They always call me the Roman Catholic Madame Nhu. Why do they never call him the Roman Catholic de Gaulle or the atheistic Nehru? Why?"

On Sept. 26 in Saigon, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, amid press fanfare, described as "shocking" and "cruel" a remark attributed to Mrs. Nhu in Rome that younger U.S. military officers in Viet Nam act "like little soldiers of fortune." Reached later in Rome, Mrs. Nhu said she had been misquoted. In New York, efforts were made to ascertain her exact remarks, which reportedly were made in a television interview. But officials of the network concerned said that they were unable to locate the proper tape.

Lucey Attributes Arrest to Unrest

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head of the Venezuelan Communist Party, on the guerilla terrorism and violence now sweeping the country.

As we emerged into the street a little man of truculent authority, wearing civilian clothes but announcing he was a police officer, edged up to demand our credentials. We produced passports but he was unimpressed. As for his credentials, a shoulder-holster pistol was the most convincing.

The officer marched us to a nearby police station. Attempts to learn the charges against us were futile. Like-wise requests to use a telephone.

We had been on our way from the National Congress Building to see the Minister of Interior, who, among other things, runs the police show.

But now we were seeing it from the inside. We would miss the interview. We had made an appointment with Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt for the following morning, and now the possibility loomed we might have to phone him from jail to say we couldn't make it.

After awhile, still without explanations, we were piled into a police jeep and hauled across town to a combination police headquarters and prison. A mustachioed young desk sergeant looked us over and apparently decided we weren't the types to be making gelatine bombs or blowing up bridges.

After an hour or more in custody we were turned loose with a summons to show up for questioning later by intelligence officers.

When we told President Betancourt of the incident he laughed uproariously. So could we — then.

It was all a bit bizarre and yet it was understandable.

For months the city has been on edge due to constant violence and terrorism. American firms have been a chief target — Sears Roebuck has been set afire many times, a Dupont plant was destroyed only last week, and Creole Petroleum Corporation (affiliate of Standard of New Jersey) has had its pipelines and installations damaged repeatedly. Scores of policemen have been wantonly killed. Banks have been robbed. The guerrillas held up the U.S. Military Mission here, forced U.S. officers to disrobe as a mark of calculated humiliation.

Communist leader Machado — in our talk with him — supported the campaign of terrorism, carried on by the so-called FALN — the Armed Forces National Liberation. So did Freddy Munoz, communist leader at the Central University of Venezuela here, a key enclave on young communists, many of them trained in Castro's Cuba.

So with all this violence in a country where thousands of citizens carry firearms for personal protection, it is understandable that the police would be keeping an eye on any foreigner trafficking with Gustavo Machado — even outside newsmen doing no more than talking with him.

There is constant criticism of the Venezuelan police for failing to control the terrorism. But one Venezuelan cop I know is a fairly alert type.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

President Barrett McGurn has finally taken a much needed though brief one week's vacation — having worked tirelessly on both club affairs and his own editorial duties at the Herald-Tribune since he took office in May.

While away, he asked that I contribute a column for the *Bulletin* on the work of the House Operations Committee of which I have the honor to be chairman.

I thought I would take a paragraph or so, however, to tell you that we, indeed, have a hard-working president and some of the sacrifice he is making to improve this Club.

Those of us who have been president are more than aware of the heavy routine of telephone calls without cease, both at work and at home as well as at the Club. The crises are never-ending. But this is assumed with the job.

But most of us were president when the Club was considerably smaller, and the problems — certainly the financial problems — were of a lesser magnitude. Now the Club is a huge organization with 3,100 members, three dining rooms serving as many as 800 meals per day, five banquet rooms handling 12 to 200 people each, and a full-time staff of 75 people to direct.

Beyond this, the president must guide the Club into a larger professional role. More luncheons and evenings than not, he must greet international and national figures for press conferences, speeches, etc., and rare is the evening he gets to spend with his family. Further, he must get the city's most distinguished journalists to head his committees. All in all, it is an endless job.

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Speaking just for the House Operations Committee, we have our own little problems, and I might mention one or two and tell you what we are doing to solve them.

Take a simple thing such as the bread served in the Club dining room. Myra Waldo, our food expert on the House Committee, decided we would not accept the ordinary in club rolls. She found a wonderful bakery, Orwashers', which turns out just rolls and bread made with loving care, equal to your favorite foreign bread, and every table at the OPC started sharing it this week. Try it and let us know.

As for Sundays, we had to make the hard decision that we could not afford to keep the Club open, except for guests using hotel facilities. I hope everyone will be understanding. When we have the Club back in the "black", we will reconsider this decision. *John Wilhelm*

WELENSKY (Cont'd from page 1)

ly way and go only when it gives place to something better."

The Prime Minister also had strong words for the British.

"Britain has, of course, not been driven out of Africa. She has abandoned it. Instead of holding firm against pressure to speed on independence and grant it before its time, she has been weak and given in. But by sharp contrast, the Russians have been steadfast, and today the plain fact is that many of these new states in Africa may claim non-alignment, but are anti-West and few do not boast leaders or prominent politicians trained or financed by Moscow or Peking."

Although he favors nationalism, Welensky predicted increasing violence if nationalism based on race continues.

"A racial war in Africa would solve no problems, nor would the first war of color be the last. If the white man is attacked in Southern Africa, he will defend himself and more than hold his own."

"By the same token, a choice will be forced on such powers as America, whether to fight for the whites in Africa or against them. It is not a choice I should like to make."

"In material terms there is much at stake in Africa — vast resources of agriculture, even vaster in gold, copper and a dozen other materials. In strategic terms, the Continent is almost gone."

In answer to a question from the floor, Sir Roy said that there is no hope for political integration among Southern Rhodesia, S. Africa and the Portuguese territories. "However, I wouldn't rule out the possibility of economic integration."

Among newspapers covering the talks were London's Daily Mail, Daily Express, Daily Telegraph, Manchester Guardian, Chicago Daily News, France Presse, China News Service, AP, UPI, the New York dailies, and many others. WNYC taped the talk for broadcast that night while NBC-TV filmed it.

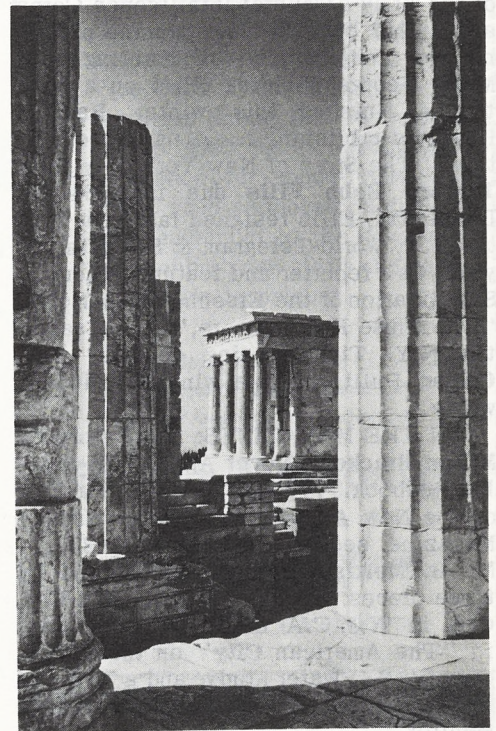
Lasky Will Defend "JFK" At Book Night Discussion

Already on the best-seller lists only a few weeks after publication, *Victor Lasky's* "J.F.K.: The Man and the Myth" will be the subject of a Book Night dinner and discussion on Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Clubhouse.

The author will be on hand to defend his views in a panel discussion of the pro's and con's of the highly controversial book, Lasky's second on President Kennedy. The panel lineup includes *Charles Markmann*, himself the author of a book on the President, and John Roach of McGraw-Hill.

News analyst *Quincy Howe* of ABC will moderate what promises to be a no-holds-barred evening.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

TRAVELING: **Helen Waterhouse**, aviation editor and reporter for the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, off October 8 to case the Middle East for story material.

BOOKS: **Thomas M. Johnson**, for years the only authorized historiographer of the Army's Counter Intelligence Corps and author of some 20 magazine pieces on the subject, is collaborating with Major George Fielding Eliot on a book to be finished this winter, Random House is publishing A narrative history, "The Story of New York City," by **Edward Robb Ellis** due in 1964 via Doubleday. Ellis resigned last year from the N.Y. World-Telegram & Sun after 15 years as a reporter and feature writer Serialization of the Eisenhower memoirs, "The White House Years," to appear in the N.Y. Times, being done by **John Crider**, Pulitzer-Prize winning editorial writer.

IN THE MAGAZINES: Short story by **Milton Bracker**, "Never Again," in October Redbook. ... **Ralph G. Martin's** article on the New Army in N.Y. Times Sunday Magazine section of September 22.... **M. B. Morris** currently represented by three pieces: one on the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. in "Y.M.C.A. Sidelights," a second in "The American City" on the Suffolk County (NY) water study, and a third, on the Berkshires, in the Christian Science Monitor.

NEW POSTS: **Bill Ahlfeld**, formerly with p.r. at U.S. Steel in New York, has gone to Dayton, Ohio, as p.r. director of the Mead Corporation.... **Robert S. Kane** has left Playbill, where he has been travel editor, to become travel editor of Cue.... **John B. Goodman** named program director, with supervision of p.r., for Commerce and Industry Association of N.Y.... **Emilio Desvernine, Jr.**, appointed editor of Fuel Oil News, Bayonne, N.J.... **Albrecht A. Heyer** named assistant director of public relations for Sleepy Hollow Restorations, Inc., a non-profit educational corporation.... **Roy A. Duffus, Jr.**, formerly v.p. of Burson-Marsteller Associates, has joined John Codella to form a new p.r. agency, Codella & Duffus.

HONORS: **Harry A. Bruno** joined an exclusive group which has included Eddie Rickenbacker, Admiral Richard E. Byrd and Jimmy Doolittle, when he was presented with the Elder Statesman Award of the National Aeronautic Association on September 24 **Lester L. Wolff** one of five U.S. businessmen appointed a member of a U.S. Trade Mission to Malaysia and Hong Kong **David Shefrin**, director of news for WABC-TV, elected to board of directors of the Child Study Association of America Banner year of awards to **Ruth Gruber**: "Bonds Between Us" award given by Philadelphia Women's Division of State of Israel

Bonds; "Woman of Achievement" award from Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, N.Y.; "Meritorious Award" of Hebrew Home and Hospital for the Chronic Sick; and, with her husband, Phil Michaels, named "Parents of 1963" by N.Y. Chapter of Hadassah.

MARRIED: **Mary Losey Mapes** to William Osgood on August 8 at the Unitarian Church of All Souls, N.Y. She's information officer of WHO at the U.N.; he's on the staff of the American Geographical Society.

BIRTH: Another John was added to the family when **John Daly** and his wife, the former Virginia Warren, became the parents of a son on September 26 and promptly named him John Earl Jameson Daly. His 11-month-old brother bears the name John Warren Daly.

RESIGNED: **Dickson Hartwell** has resigned as publisher of the Arizonian and plans to settle in Fredericksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and devote his time to writing. His wife, **Patricia Lockridge Hartwell**, the paper's editor, will remain in Arizona, taking over as publisher, too, according to the Arizonian.

TEACHING: **George Anthony Prendergast** is teaching a seven-week course in journalism at Cathedral High School in N.Y., sponsored by the Catholic Institute of the Press.

MAN TO KNOW: **Major Gen. Julius Klein** is the man to know when you're stuck in Frankfurt, according to John W. Dienhart, who devoted his entire column for September 18 (in The Economist News papers) to Klein's know-how and know-who in the German city.

Betty Etter

Miss Christensen Joins Bulletin as Mng. Editor

Miss Sibby Christensen has assumed duties as Managing Editor of the *Overseas Press Bulletin* with this issue.

Her appointment was announced last week by **Paul Grimes**, chairman of *The Bulletin* committee.

As a member of the OPC staff, she will coordinate publication of *The Bulletin* in cooperation with the volunteers who comprise the Committee.

Miss Christensen's background includes varied experience in the house organ, public relations and newspaper fields. A journalism graduate of Texas Woman's University, she is a member of the New York Chapter, Theta Sigma Phi.



Sibby Christensen

NON-STOP BELLY-DANCE MARKS LEBANON DINNER

A 35-minute, non-stop belly-dance — possibly the most attention-getting presentation ever offered at the OPC — was (to put it mildly) the highlight of the Regional Dinners Committee's Lebanese Night Sept. 24.

But there were other attractions, not the least of them an excellent Lebanese dinner which included an appetizer embracing *dolma* (stuffed vine leaves), *ta-bouli* (a relish), and other delicacies; *fassouli* (a bean soup), shish-kebab with Lebanese rice and noodles; delicate Birds Nest pastry, red wine and coffee.

Earlier, at a pre-dinner reception, Lebanese cheese, olives and other specialties were served with arak, the national drink.

The Persian Shop provided handsome decorative objects for the lounge and dining room; Middle East Airlines donated Lebanese letter-openers with handmade handles of inlaid ram's horn, for each guest. There were door prizes provided by MEA, the Lebanese Tourist Department and the Phoenicia Oriental Bazaar of Beirut. Pan American World Airways gave the first prize (an electronic clock won by *Eleanor Hope*) and a half-dozen gold-embossed passport cases.

Guests of honor included Ibrahim El-Ahdab, Lebanese Ambassador to the United States; Georges Hakim, Lebanese Ambassador to the United Nations; and Nabih Nousseir, Consul General in New York. *Stella Margold*, was coordinator of the evening, under committee chairman *Myra Waldo*.

But the star of the show was Halima, belly-dancer extraordinaire, currently appearing (along with the musicians who accompanied her) at the Britannia Restaurant.

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The Admission Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

ACTIVE

Frank W. Beatty — Latin-American News-pictures Manager, UPI, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

David M. Culhane — Chief, London Bureau, The Baltimore Sun, England.

Robert M. Mottar — Free-lance, Orgeval, France.

ASSOCIATE

Milton Golin — Editor, Medicine At Work, Washington, D.C.

Jack Goodman — TV-News Editor, Correspondent & Free-lance; KUTV-Intermountain Broadcasting, New York Times, Newsweek, Salt Lake City, Utah.

William J. Greene, Jr. — Vice-President, Radio Free Europe Fund, Inc., New York, New York.

John Sanford Harper — President, John Sanford Harper Associates — Superior Features Syndicate, New York, New York.

Ruth Streeter Hatch — Special Reports, Bascom N. Timmons News Bureau, Washington, D.C.

James H. Higgs — Eastern Public Relations Representative, North American Aviation, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Joe Hyams — Special Features Writer, New York Herald Tribune, Sherman Oaks, California.

Stephen Joseph McCormick — Vice-President, Network News and Washington Operations, Mutual Broadcasting System, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Robert I. Stanfield — Public Relations, General Dynamics Corp., New York, N.Y.

AFFILIATE

John Collins Parry — Manager, Public Relations, Allied Chemical Corporation, New York, New York.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE

MRS. SIDNEY GORDON — The Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, New York. Proposed by *Marcia Drennen*; seconded by *Karl Detzer*.

ALBERTO RUMSCHISKY — United Press International, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Proposed by *David Belnap*; seconded by *W.H. McCall*.

ASSOCIATE

DANIEL J. BROOKS — Harper's Magazine, New York, N.Y. Proposed by *Henry Gladstone*; seconded by *Raymond C. Harwood*.

WILLIAM E. KILEY — New York Herald Tribune, New York. Proposed by *Ralph Jules Frantz*; seconded by *William T. Souney*.

WILLIAM HALL LANDER — Cunningham & Walsh, Inc., New York. Proposed by *John Wilhelm*; seconded by *Lawrence F. Mikhon*.

JOHN PAUL MCMEEL — The Hall Syndicate, N.Y. Proposed by *Robert L. Dunne*; seconded by *Gary MacEoin*.

LETTERS

Editor, *Bulletin*:

I would like to suggest that other mothers who work and have small children and can't cook consider having their friends to a dinner party at the Overseas Press Club.

My husband and I had a party for 56 at the club recently. With the cooperation of Manager Durgue and of fellow club member, *Myron Clement* of the French Tourist Office, it was a most successful evening.

The non-newspaper people among the guests were delighted at getting an inside view of the Press Club and the newspaper people felt right at home.

It certainly was easier and I believe even less expensive than having it at home.

Ruth Winter

Editor, *Bulletin*:

I am surely not the only one that finds it extremely odd that the *Bulletin* almost weekly publishes reports of censorship from one part of the world or another, yet is itself guilty of censorship of a sort.

Where in its pages do we find any but the reigning administration's views? It's all interesting enough to know who's doing what, and going where, and the date and time of club activities. However, those of us who are overseas are interested in what's going on in the club. Our best sources of information are individual personal friends who are members living in New York. It is my opinion that the *Bulletin* should supply information concerning the club. We should not have to rely on personal friends to give us their version.

Until the *Bulletin* actually reflects the situation in the Club, I fear it is a puff sheet, and not an information media.

Karl H. Bachmeyer
Tokyo

The *Bulletin* attempts to supply as much information as possible concerning the Club, but it is obviously impossible to convey objectively all the nuances of opinion in such a diverse organization. However, the "Letters" column is always open for versions such as those that Mr. Bachmeyer says are held by his friends — Editor.

PAUL B. PEARSON — The Nutrition Foundation, N.Y. Proposed by *Will Yolen*; seconded by *Ben Schechter*.

EDNA PHILLIPS — United Features Syndicate, N.Y. Proposed by *John Luter*; seconded by *Angele de T. Gingras*.

PAUL F. WILLIAMS — Mohawk Airlines, Inc., N.Y. Proposed by *George Carroll*; seconded by *Ansel M. Talbert*.

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High Minded Crusaders Could be Wrong Again

By Joseph Alsop

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SAIGON — The time was in the year 1944, a couple of months after the U.S. government first sent observers to the Chinese Communist capital at Yen-an.

The occasion, which is now worth recalling, was a dinner at the Chungking press hostel for the first U.S. observer to return with on-the-spot news of that high-minded "agrarian democrat," Chairman Mao Tse-tung. Around the table the nice, virtuous American faces positively shone with innocence and happy belief.

The report from Yen-an bristled with all the old familiar phrases. The Chinese Communists "wanted to be on our side, if we would let them." They alone were "fighting the Japanese."

The atmosphere, the morale, the speckless purity and disinterestedness of Yen-an were "like a wonderful cocktail after the fetid corruption of Chiang Kai-shek's government." Mao Tse-tung, "a great man and above all a humane man," would remake China in a new, more perfect image. So it went. For a cynic, listening to this discourse and watching the shining-eyed response to it, it was like taking a bath in a particularly sickening sort of goo.

There were a few American reporters in China, like the wise Arch Steele, who always kept their heads despite the intoxicating crusading atmosphere of the wartime press hostel. Yet the crusaders dominated and, one must add, sometimes seriously warped the news. And then, when the crusade was over, and they were older and wiser men, they were all very sorry about it — except for two press hostel inhabitants, Izzie and Elsie Epstein, who revealed their role as Communist agents by retreating to Peking, where they still nauseatingly hold forth.

This is not the only case in point, either. One need only recall much of the reporting from Cuba up to and including the triumph of Fidel Castro. Batista, no doubt, was every bit as bad as everyone said he was. But what stands out from that episode in American newspaper history was the display of political acumen by that far-seeing progressive, Herbert Matthews of the *N.Y. Times*.

It is high time to recall these episodes of the past, which were not without their influence on the course of events; for a good many of the newspaper men in Saigon have been carrying on another of these egregious crusades for a number of years.

Unlike China, there is no Communist influence or sympathy here; and there is no one quite like Herbert Matthews either.

But the general order of priorities was indicated the other day by one of the leading young crusaders, who announced that after many weeks of passion-charged anti-government stories, mingled with descriptions of the poor morale of the Vietnamese forces, he was going to pay another visit to the fighting front. "After all," he said, "there's another enemy to think about, up in North Viet Nam."

Most of what the crusaders have written has been true, or part-true — although this reporter has run into at least one province-team of U.S. officers who were deeply indignant, because they have been described as thinking the Vietnamese soldiers of their province were not putting up a good fight when they all thought the precise opposite.

But it is easy enough to paint a dark, indignant picture, without departing from the facts, if you ignore the majority of Americans who admire the Vietnamese as fighters and seek out the one U.S. officer in 10 who inevitably thinks all foreigners fight badly. (The reduction of the percentage to one in 10 marks great military progress in large-mindedness.) The same method used to report the doings of the Diem government has naturally been even more effective, since a great many of these doings have been remarkably misguided, to use the mild-

est possible word.

In some measure, it must be added, the crusaders have contributed to the Diem government's misguidedness. The government has asked for it, since the press relations have always been idiotic. But the constant pressure of the reportorial crusade against the government has also helped mightily to transform Diem from a courageous, quite viable national leader, into a man afflicted with galloping persecution mania, seeing plots around every corner, and therefore misjudging everything.

It is not only high time to make the foregoing points, it is also high time to ask whether American crusades to reform foreign governments really are a good idea at any time. Was Chiang, with all his defects, so much worse for the Chinese people and, above all, for the American people than Mao Tse-tung? Has Cuba gained and, above all, have we in the United States gained by the Batista-Castro exchange? What are we in Viet Nam for, anyway?

Surely we are here only to win the war. And the most annoying feature of the whole situation is that we actually were winning the war this spring, until the Diem government went right around the bend with considerable help from the high-minded crusaders.

MRS. NHU GUEST AT OPC

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the date was changed three times and which involved a trip to Washington by Joe Newman, OPC program director, and a telephone call from the Club to Rome.

The negotiations began Aug. 27, less than a week after the Saigon Government declared martial law and its special forces, cracked down on some Buddhist activities in Viet Nam. Newman cabled Mrs. Nhu in Saigon, inviting her to New York to present her version of the controversy, personally, to the working press at the OPC. Newman asked that she cable her reply.

Mrs. Nhu telephoned the same day to Tran Van Dinh, the Vietnamese charge d'affaires in Washington. He had assumed control of the embassy there after Mrs. Nhu's father, Ambassador Tran Van Chuong, resigned in protest against the Saigon regime. Mrs. Nhu asked the charge to get in touch with Newman and work out arrangements for an OPC appearance.

Newman then went to Washington to discuss details, which were conveyed to Saigon. Mrs. Nhu informed the embassy that they were acceptable. It was on the basis of the OPC invitation to meet the working press that she was understood

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to have decided to go abroad, with stops in Europe en route, including attendance at the recent Interparliamentary Union conference in Belgrade.

Mrs. Nhu first said that she would arrive in New York on Oct. 2 and appear at the OPC program on Oct. 3 or 4. As arrangements got under way, the Club received word that she would not arrive until Oct. 15 and would be at the OPC on Oct. 17. Last week Newman heard that she was considering advancing her arrival to Oct. 7 and her club appearance to Oct. 9.

But by last weekend, Newman still hadn't received confirmation of this. He was faced with a decision of having no working press luncheon Oct. 9 — at the height of the U.N. General Assembly session — if Mrs. Nhu failed to appear. He telephoned to her secretary in Rome, but confirmation of the date was not received until Monday.

In discussing arrangements for the OPC Working Press Luncheon, Newman stressed that because of limited space, attendance would be restricted to bona fide newsmen and cameramen. Publishers of the principal New York newspapers are being invited to sit at the head table.